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SUBJECT: ARAB LEAGUE CONCERN OVER SUMMIT; ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN PEACE;  
BEING "LOOPED OUT"

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- 1.(C) Summary. Arab League Secretariat Chief of Staff Hisham Yousef was extremely downcast in a Jan 28 meeting, expressing concerns about preparations for the summit.
- 2.(C) In a January 28 meeting with poloff, Arab League Secretariat Chief of Staff Hisham Yousef (protect) expressed concern about maintaining the summit's focus on the Arab League's Middle East peace process.
- 3.(C) Yousef was unsure which country would take the AL presidency after the Libyans. Iraq had been scheduled to hold the presidency during the summit.
- 4.(C) Yousef expressed his own concern about his perception that the Arab League was being "cut out" of the Administration's Middle East peace process.
- 5.(C) Returning to the subject of the Tripoli summit, he expressed concern that Qaddafi would try to divert discussion away from Arab League summit preparations.
- 6.(C) Yousef also expressed disappointment that SYG Moussa had not been invited to the Jan 27 conference on Yemen in London. He said he had asked for Moussa's inclusion.
- 7.(C) As the summit in Tripoli approaches carrying a degree of uncertainty for the Arab League Secretariat, Yousef was expressing genuine frustration.